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SUBJ: SENEGALESE INTEREST IN U.S. ARMY ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT

REF: A. DAKAR 4180, B. DAKAR 4271, C. DAKAR 4534,

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1. DAKAR REFTELS REPORTED CONCERTED REQUESTS FROM SENEGALESE PRIME MINISTER DIOUF, MINISTER OF PLAN AND COOPERATION SECK, AND ARMED FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF FALL FOR AMERICAN ASSISTANCE IN REPLACING ARMY ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY US IN 1962 AND NOW IN NEED OF REPLACEMENT TO SUSTAIN GOS CIVIC ACTION CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS.

2. WITHOUT DISCUSSING STATUS OF THIS REQUEST WITH SENEGALESE MILITARY, DEFATT HAS PREPARED MORE SPECIFIC ASSESSMENT OF LIKELY NATURE OF SENEGALESE EQUIPMENT NEEDS. SENEGALESE ENGINEER BATTALION WHICH WAS COMPLETELY EQUIPPED BY US IS ONE

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OF HEAVIEST IN COMPARABLE AFRICAN COUNTRIES SINCE IT SERVES

BOTH AS MILITARY ENGINEER UNIT AND AS NATIONAL CIVIL ENGINEER ORGANIZATION.

3. FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY SENEGALESE SOURCE; POSSIBLE WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF HIS SUPERIORS. FACT OF OUR POSSESSION OF THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE STRICTLY PROTECTED. TEN-YEAR RENEWAL PLAN BASED ON LIFE EXPECTANCY OF US EQUIPMENT WAS BUDGETED BY GOS AND COMMENCED IN 1972. HOWEVER, SENEGALESE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT FRENCH REPLACEMENT ITEMS WHICH WERE ACQUIRED AND PLANNED FOR ACQUISITION UNDER THIS PROGRAM WOULD NOT LAST NEARLY AS LONG AS AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS. GOS STUDY OF ALL ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT ON HAND--FRENCH AND AMERICAN--REACHED ESTIMATE THAT IN NEAR FUTURE 90 PERCENT OF ALL ON-HAND STOCK WILL BE UNSERVICEABLE. SENEGALESE PLANNERS CONCLUDED THAT INCREASED SPARE PARTS STOCKAGE NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN PRESENT EQUIPMENT IN OPERATION WOULD REQUIRE 69 PERCENT INCREASE IN ENGINEER'S 77-78 BUDGET AND 83 PERCENT INCREASE IN 79-80 BUDGET. THIS BLEAK PROSPECT LED TO RECOMMENDATION THAT US BE REQUESTED TO CONSIDER PROGRAM SIMILAR TO THAT UNDER WHICH ENGINEER BATTALION WAS ORIGINALLY OUTFITTED.

4. FOLLOWING IS LIST OF REPRESENTATIVE ENGINEER EQUIPMENT DESIRED BY SENEGALESE ARMED FORCES (IF NEGOTIATIONS ON ACTUAL PROCUREMENT WERE TO COMMENCE, NFIFICATION OF LIST NATURALLY WOULD TAKE PLACE, ONCE GOS MADE ITS VIEWS KNOWN ON ORDER OF PRIORITY, CHOICE OF MODLS AND ALTERNATIVE SELECTIONS WHERE LISTED ITEMS HAVE BEEN SUPERSEDED BY NEWER MODELS):

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READ NO. VEHICLE AND EQUIP., TYPE, MANUFACTURER.

20, TRACTOR, TD-18 OR CATERPILLAR INTN/1  
TYPE D-7G, HARVESTER  
9, LEVELER, 4-5, HUBERT WARCO  
4, SCRAPER, 10-15 CU. METER, 613, CATERPILLAR  
6, CRANE, MOBILE, 34T, LIMA  
11, SHOVEL, CRANE OR CATERPILLAR, 83, BYERS  
2, WELL DIGGERS, 71-SK, SPEED STAR  
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8, LRUCK M-45, COMPRESSOR  
W/EQUIP, 210-WD-S, DAVEY  
8, COMPRESSOR, TOWED, W/EQUIP., DR-600, INGERSOLL-RAND  
2, TRUCK, WATER PURIFYING, W/EQUIP, MET PRO  
2, TRUCK, ASPHALT DISTRIBUTOR, M-61, CLEANING  
6, TRACTOR, FARM, 250H, INTERNATIONAL HARV.  
2, GRAVEL SPREADER, M-58FT, GARWOOD  
4, WATER PURIFIER, TOWED, 800, PERMITTUT

5, TRAILER, LUBRICATION, RDG  
1, ASPHALT PLANT  
5, ASPHALT SPREADER, BARBER GREENE  
13, TRACTOR, M-52, INT. HARV. EQUIP. WITH MACKENDT 673 ENGINE  
13, TRAILER, 25T, M-172.1.1, VULCAN  
22 TRUCK, CARGO, M-602, INTERNATIONAL HARV.  
20, TRUCK, P.C. 4X4, M-37, DODGE  
5, TRUCK, TANKER  
FUEL, M-49, REO  
4, TRUCK, PICK-UP, SOLDERING, M-56, DODGE  
5, TRUCK, AMBULANCE 4X4, M-37, DODGE  
50, TRUCK, DUMP, 7-10 CUBIC METER, DIESEL MOTOR  
8, TRUCK, LIAISON 4X4, M38A1, WILLYS  
9, TRACTOR, LOADER, 75A, MICHIGAN  
2, ROCMCRUNSHER, 1424-SP-15T, IOWA MFG. CO. CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

READ: NO.48RIVER CROSSING EQUIPMENT, TYPE, MANUFACTURER.

12, BOAT ASSAULT, STROM BOAT  
6, RAFT, LIGHT TACTICAL  
2, BRIDGE UNIT, M-4  
7, BOAT, INFLATABLE, 15 MAN  
16, BOAT, INFLATABLE, 6 MAN  
16, BOAT, INFLATABLE, 3 MAN

NO. ENGINEER KITS

8, KIT, YARD LIGHTING  
35, KIT, DEMOLITION, SQUAD  
12, KIT, DEMOLITION, PLATOON  
37, KIT, PIONEER, SQUAD  
12, KIT, PIONEER, PLWYOON  
37, KIT, CARPENTER, SQUAD  
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12, KIT, CARPENTER, PLATOON  
1, KIT, MINE-CLEARING  
1, KIT, SOIL TREATMENT  
10, KIT, ELECTRICIAN  
27, KIT, INDIVIDUAL, MASONRY  
10, KIT, COMMON, MASONRY  
10, KIT, WOODWORK  
10, KIT, PLUMBERS  
21, KIT, BLACKSMITH  
8, KIT, FIELD LIGHTING  
8, SET, GENERATING, 5 TO 10 KW  
16, CHAIN SAW, POWERED, "STRUCK"  
11, MIXER, CONCRETE

END UNCLASSIFIED

5. KNOWLEDGEABLE SENEGALESE MILITARY CONTACTS HAVE INFORMED DATT THAT CURRENT FY MILITARY BUDGET ALREADY OVER-OBLIGATED, AND THAT ANY REQUIRED REPAYMENT FOR NEW ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT PROCURED NOW COULD NOT BE PROGRAMMED INTO FUTURE MILITARY BUDGETS FOR AS LONG AS FIVE YEARS. BASED ON TERMS OF ORIGINAL AMERICAN PROGRAM, GOS UNDOUBTEDLY ANTICIPATES THAT ANY US PROGRAM WOULD AGAIN TAKE PLACE ON GRANT BASIS. IN VIEW OF SEVERE BUDGETARY STRINGENCY, ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO GRANT ARRANGEMENT WHICH SENEGALESE MIGHT BE IN POSITION TO ACCEPT WOULD PROBABLY BE LENIENT CONCESSIONARY SALES AGREEMENT.

6. IN SHORT, EMBASSY BELIEVES: THAT GOS DESIRES RE-EQUIPMENT OF ENTIRE ENGINEER BATTALION AT NO COST IF AT ALL POSSIBLE; THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE WELL SATISFIED IF IT COULD RECEIVE SUBSTANTIAL PORTION AT NO COST; THAT IT MIGHT CONSIDER BUYING SOME ITEMS IF TERMS WERE RIGHT; BUT THAT IT WOULD NOT CONSIDER A STRAIGHT CASH PURCHASE OF ANY LARGE PORTION OF LIST.

7. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY GENERAL SENEGALESE SHIFT FROM PRIMARY RELIANCE ON FRENCH MILITARY SUPPORT TOWARD US SOURCES, BUT RATHER BELIEVE THAT GOS HAS SINGLED OUT ENGINEER AREA AS LOGICAL, LIMITED FIELD IN WHICH US ROLE SEEMS APPROPRIATE BY VIRTUE OF PAST INVOLVEMENT, PEACETIME CIVIC ACTION APPLICATIONS, AND HEIGHTENED PACE OF ACTIVITY WHICH NOW CHARACTERIZES US/SENEGAL BILATERAL RELATIONS ON POLITICAL LEVEL. SERIOUS  
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SHORTCOMINGS IN STATUS OF ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT HAVE BECOME EVIDENT AT SEMA MOMENT AS SENEGALESE WERE FORMING CONVICTION THAT NATIONAL SECURITY MUST BE RAPIDLY UPGRADED OVERALL. GIVEN RESULTANT SENEGALESE SENSE OF URGENCY, COURSE OF ACTION PROPOSED BY US SHOULD BE IN FORM SUSCEPTIBLE TO PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION IF WE HOPE TO MAINTAIN POSITIVE MOMENTUM WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS BY INTENSIVE  
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SERIES OF HIGH-LEVEL CONSULTATIONS IN RECENT MONTHS.

8. EMBASSY REMAINS CONVINCED, AS STATED IN DAKAR REFTELS, THAT SENEGAL'S VOICE OF MODERATION AND RATIONALITY IN AFRICAN AND NON-ALIGNED COUNCILS IS OF SUFFICIENT VALUE TO US THAT WE SHOULD MAKE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT TO MAKE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO SENEGALESE DEFENSES, WITHOUT WHICH COUNTRY CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO FEEL SUFFICIENTLY SECURE TO CONTINUE SPEAKING OUT FORCEFULLY ON DIVISIVE INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.  
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